

**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
2007 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS
FOR VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS
SIZE and POSSESSION LIMITS**

AMERICAN EEL	
Minimum Size Limit	.6 inches
Possession Limit	50 per person
AMBERJACK	
Minimum Size Limit	.32 inches
Possession Limit	2 per person
BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)	
Minimum Size Limit	.16 inches
Possession Limit	1 per person
BLACK SEA BASS	
Minimum Size Limit	.12 inches
Possession Limit	25 per person
BLUEFISH	
Minimum Size Limit	None
Possession Limit	10 per person
COBIA	
Minimum Size Limit	.37 inches
Possession Limit	1 per person
GRAY TROUT (WEAKFISH)	
Minimum Size Limit	.12 inches
Possession Limit	7 per person
<i>*Regulation expected to change in early 2007; before fishing, check to make sure you have the most recent and correct regulations!*</i>	
KING MACKEREL	
Minimum Size Limit	.27 inches
Possession Limit	3 per person
RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)	
Minimum Size Limit	.18 inches
Maximum Size Limit	.26 inches
Possession Limit	3 per person
SCUP (PORGY)	
Minimum Size Limit	.8 inches
Possession Limit	50 per person
SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD) (Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries)	
Season	Closed; Illegal to possess
SPADEFISH	
Possession Limit	4 per person
SPANISH MACKEREL	
Minimum Size Limit	.14 inches
Possession Limit	15 per person

**All Regulations are Subject to Change
at any Time. It is the Angler's Responsibility
to Know and Abide by all Current
Regulations and Laws. Check for
New or Changed Regulations
Before You Go Fishing.**



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SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)

Minimum Size Limit	14 inches
Possession Limit	10 per person

STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)

**Regulations on Seasons, Size Limits, Possession Limits,
Available on Separate Regulation Card or From the Virginia
Marine Resources Commission. (For contact Information see below.)**

STURGEON

Illegal to possess

SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)

Minimum Size Limit	18.5 inches
Possession Limit	5 per person
Closed Seasons	January 1 - March 31 July 23 - July 28

TAUTOG

Minimum Size Limit	14 inches
Possession Limit	7 per person

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SHARK (ALL SPECIES EXCEPT SPINY AND SMOOTH DOGFISH)

Minimum Size Limit	54 inches fork length**
Possession Limit	1 per vessel**

Federal waters beyond the three mile limit governed by different Regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

* Prohibited Species - It is illegal to take, catch or possess any shark from the "prohibited shark group", as defined in regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dog Sharks.

** Any shark carcass (body minus head and tail) in possession must measure 30 inches in length or longer; no minimum size limit applies to Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks.

*** Possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Saltwater Fishing License - Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted.

Measurements - Size limits are total length measurements; fish must be measured tip of nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

Snagging - Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.

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Regulations Information, including Updates and Changes.

Information on the most current regulations can be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., Newport News, Virginia 23607. (757) 247-2200; from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 968 South Oriole Drive, Virginia Beach Virginia 23451, (757) 491-5160; and from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission internet website at, www.mrc.virginia.gov